Exemption from maintaining work register

3199. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has recently allowed employers with less than 40 workers not to maintain work registers at the office premises; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not rise.

Upgradation of ITIs in the country

3200. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MISS MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to constitute a panel to monitor Industrial Training Institutes in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this will also involve private sector in the process; and

(d) the details of ITIs that are proposed to be upgraded *inter-alia* indicating those that are located in Orissa and Jharkhand State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Government has already constituted National Steering Committee (NSC) at Central level and State Steering Committees (SSCs) at State level to monitor the following two schemes launched for upgradation of ITIs in the country:

(i) Upgradation of 400 ITIs with World Bank Assistance; and

(ii) Upgradation of 1396 Government ITIs through Public Private Partnership.

(b) The Constitution of National Steering Committees and State Steering Committees for the above mentioned two schemes are given in the enclosed Statement I and II respectively (*See* below).

(c) The private sector is also involved in this process. In the Committees at Central and State levels, three members nominated by Industry Associations are included.

(d) Under the above mentioned two schemes total of 1796 Government ITIs are to be upgraded. Upto 2007-08, 09 ITIs of State of Orissa and 3 ITIs of State of Jharkhand have been taken up for upgradation. In addition, 2 ITIs of Orissa and 1 ITI of Jharkhand have been taken up for upgradation under Centre's of Excellence Scheme.